IS THE BIG FOUR SLASHING?

Competitors Say the Ingalls Roads Are Secretly Cutting Freight Rates.

Good Showing of Earnings by Indiana Railways-The Ohio Southern in the Hands of the C., H. & D .- Cut Wool Pates.

Competitors of the Big Four are considerably exercised that this road is securing business from firms who for months past have been shipping by other lines. A Pennsylvania official claims to have proof that the Big Four is taking freight out of Peoria and Chicago at the rate proposed and voted down at the recent meeting in Chicago, and says that the threat to withdraw from the Central Traffic Association is merely to cover up such transactions. This official added that if the Big Four did withdraw from the Central Traffic Associathe greatest freight rate war for years. Inquiry among freight officials of other roads than the Pennsylvania brought out no facts or remarks which would lead to the belief that there is anything in this talk of the Pennsylvania official as regards the Big Four now carrying business on a basis of 20 cents per one hundred pounds, Chicago to the sea-board or from Peoria to the sea-board, on its proportionate rate.

The Cut in Wool Rates. It is more than probable that the cut in wool rates announced on Thursday will be extended to include shipments of that commodity from Montana points. At present the reductions apply only to compressed wool from Colorado and Utah. The Soo is quoting a rate of 75 cents per one hundred pounds from St. Paul to Boston on sack wool from Montana points. The Chicago lines have not attempted to meet this, because the rate from Montana points is the same to Omaha that it is to St. Paul. Consequently if the Western roads should, on their own responsibility, make a 75-cent rate from the Mississippi river, they would be compelled to haul the shipments free from the Missouri river to the Mississippi. tion can be met by way of Chicago is to prevail on the Union Pacific to reduce its rate from Montana points to Omaha, and the Union Pacific officials are to be consulted with this end in view. It is believed there will be no difficulty in secur-

Earnings Still Very Satisfactory.

ing the co-operation of that road.

Contrary to expectations, the roads crossing Indiana show, as a rule, increased earnings in the second week of April over those of the corresponding week of 1891. The Louisville, New Albany & Chicago leads, earning \$61,566, an increase over the same week last year of \$14,420. The Mackey lines all show increases, the Evansville & Terre Haute earning \$22,804; the Louisville . Evansville & Terre Haute, \$27,662, an increase this year of \$8,340; the Evansville & Indianapolis, \$6,348, an increase of \$96; the Peoria, Decatur & Evansville, \$15,227, an increase of \$902. The Chicago & West Michigan lines earned \$61,994, an increase of \$8,418, and the Pennsylvania and Big Four lines, which have not yet made public the earnings of the second week, will show handsome gains, but it is feared that the third week of the month will not make so favorable an exhibit, because of bad weather, heavy rains interfering with the prompt movement of miscellaneous freight as well as grain.

Who Owns the Ohio Southern? Some ten days ago the Journal mentioned that the Eastern parties interested in the Ohio Southern road, Maxwell, Graves and others, had disposed of their interests in that property, wishing to devote their entire time and funds to Eastern roads in which they are large owners, but at the time it could only be ascertained that the road had passed into strong hands. The Journal now has information to the effect that the company controlling the road is the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton, which now holds 68 per cent. or the capital stock. C. W. Fairbanks, who is one of the directors in the reorganized Ohio Southern company, is also a director in the C., H. & D. and general solicitor of that company. If the above be the fact, the C., H. & D. has got hold of a much more valuable property than the Cincinnati, Jackson & Mackinaw, the Indianapolis, Decatur & Western, or the Iowa Central, as it secures a first-class road doing a heavy business, and one which is steadily increasing.

Personal, Local and General Notes. W. E. Thurber, general Western agent of the Mexican National road, is in the city on official business.

Oscar Murray leaves to-night for an extended Western trip on official business, visiting Kansas City while absent. Harrison township, Spencer county, by a handsome majority, voted a subsidy to the Indianapolis, Rockport & Chattanooga

The Toledo, St. Louis & Kansas City, the Peoria & Eastern, and the Chicago & Indiana Coal-road companies will join and erect an interlooking signal switch at Veedersburg, Ind.

The passenger service on the Erie lines has greatly improved since D. L. Roberts became the general passenger agent. The Pullman company is building five complete vestibuled trains of six cars each for this

Competitors of the Pennsylvania lines claim to have discovered that this road secured the Young People's Christian En-deayer Association through propositions it was able to make in the way of sleeping-

General Manager Dowle, of the Great Eastern fast-freight line, will on May 1 remove his headquarters from Detroit to Buffalo, N. Y., where are the headquarters of the general managers of a number of fast-freight lines.

The through train between Brazil, Ind., and Chicago, recently put on over the Chicago & Indiana Coal road, is proving a paying one, and is very popular with people along the line, as they can go to Chicago and return the same day.

Lucien B. Adams, trainmaster of the Erie & Pittsburg road, died on Thursday of Bright's disease. He was promoted from yardmaster of the Panhandle lines, twenty-one years ago, to the position that he held at the time of his death.

It is understood that Division Superintendent Frank J. Griffith will be appointed general superintendent of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western, vice Andrew Reasoner, who retires on account of serious illness after a great many years of faithful

With the taking effect of the summer time table, train crews of the Big Four will run from Cleveland to Bellefoutaine, instead of stopping at Galion, as now, the piece of road between Galion and Belle-fontaine coming under the supervision of the Cleveland division officials.

Rumor has it that Charles Neilson, general superintendent of the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton road, is to soon retire, and will be succeeded by F. B. Drake, now general manager of the Cincinnati, Jackson & Mackinaw. Officials at this end of the line are not disposed to credit the

C. C. Pierce, jr., son of C. C. Pierce, of this city, is general manager of the Venice Transportation Company, a new fastfreight line. The company now has tifty cars in service and 450 more contracted for. One of its specialties will be the transporting of street cars, the company having one hundred cars built for such a purpose.

It was unofficially stated at New York, yesterday, that R. S. Hayes had accepted the presidency of the Union Pacific road. A conference was held yesterday and the board to be elected on April 27 was agreed on, but the parties holding control declined to give out their names. It is understood, however, that Jay Gould and Russell Sage will be dropped from the board.

the annual meeting of the national association. Thirty other roads have given notice that their conductors will honor credentials of delegates when properly ex-

E. A. Peck, general superintendent of the Big Four lines, yesterday returned from a three days' inspection trip of the Michigan division of the Big Fourlines. He says the road is in better condition than he had credited it with being on a less careful inspection. It is laid with steel from Rush-ville, Ind., to Benton Harbor, and well cross-tied, and depots and bridges are in good conditition. Its power, as power is now rated, is rather light.

The Indianapolis & Vincennes road has passed through this week, in which streams have been so high, without any damage. In speaking of this, yesterday, Superintendent Mansfield said: "Three years ago the road, with streams as high as they have been this week, would have been damaged by washouts to an extent which would have stopped business for several days." The improvements to the waterways on this road the last few years have been expensive, but are proving to be of great benefit in operating the road safely and without delays.

A meeting of the passenger agents of the Trunk-line Association was held in New York yesterday. At its conclusion Com-missioner Farmer stated that the meeting had been called to consider routine business alone and that nothing of interest was transacted. There was also a meeting of the representatives of the railroad companies which carry coal to New York. The object of the meeting was to agree upon rates for coal to Western points. The meeting was harmonions and an agreement reached. The rates agreed on were not

The general passenger agents of several of the leading Western reads had a conference at Chicago yesterday to decide whether they should follow the example of the Alton and the Chicago, St. Paul & Kansas City in limiting all tickets to continuous passage. All present were in favor of doing so. The meeting adjourned with the understanding that the stop-over privileges are to be abandoned at an early date, though no definite action was taken. The matter will be brought before the next meeting of the Western passenger agents and it is expected that a final settlement of the question will then be reached. The modified class "O" engines, on the Indianapolis division of the Pennsylvania lines, are performing satisfactorily. They are a new type, and nine are now on this division hauling passenger trains, which have been built this year, and delivered in with all modern improvements, such as the Allen & Richardson valve and the Bellpaire fire-box. They are built with so much accuracy in all parts that there is no trouble from any parts becoming hot. They have nineteen by twenty-four-inch cylinders, a sixty-eight-inch driving-wheel, and haul twelve cars sixty miles an hour without any trouble.

R. B. Jones, general traveling freight agent of the Chicago & Rock Island road, is in the city. He has just completed his thirtieth year in the railroad service, he commencing on the Little Miami road in After eighteen years' service on that road, he spent two years on the Cincinnati Southern, then becoming superintendent of the Dayton, Fort Wayne & Chicago, later he was appointed agent of the Indianapolis & St. Louis road at Terre Haute, which road he left and took a position on the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton, remaining on that road until 1889, when he became general traveling freight agent of the Chicago & Rock Island.

PERSONAL AND SOCIETY.

Mrs. L. Closser will go to California in a short time to remain a year or more. Mrs. W. A. Applegate has gone to Chicago to visit her daughter, Mrs. E. F. Cost. Mrs. George G. Tanner has issued invitations for a reception Tuesday afternoon, from 2 to 6 o'clock.

Mrs. H. M. Philips, of Philadelphia, is visiting her sister, Mrs. D. E. Allen, on North Pennsylvania street. Governor Chase and Private Secretary Roberts arrived home yesterday from Michigan, whither they went to attend the

State encampment, G. A. R. Last evening Mr. John B. Elam enter-tained the Bar Association socially, at his home, on Parke avenue. There was a large attendance and a very agreeable evening

The members of the sixth section of the Free Kindergarten will give a dance at the residence of Mr. Ferdinand Winter, next Friday evening, April 29. Miss Colgan and Miss Baker have the entertainment in charge and will make it a great social as well as financial success. It is the one evening entertainment which the society gives during the year and should be gener-

ously patronized. Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Winslow entertained their friends very handsomely last evening with a reception at their home, No. 950 North Meridian street. The gathering was for Mrs. Winslow's mother, Mrs. H. S. Eddy, of Milan, O. The assisting ladies were Mrs. James Jordan of Martinsville, Mrs. D. L. Wood, Mrs. Edward Rexford, Mrs. O. D. Weaver, Mrs. Solon Goode, Mrs. Minor, Miss Edith Fountain,
Mrs. D. K. Partlow, Miss Anna Wildman, Miss Vinnie Goode.
In the spacious hall punch was served by
Miss Hattie Fox and Miss Stella Rogers.
The house was beautifully decorated with palms, plants and flowers, which filled the mantels and all availabe spaces and places. On May 1, L. F. Loree, superintendent of the Cleveland & Pittsburg road, will remove his headquarters from Wellsville, O., he chandiners, and made the room bower of green. Hart's orchestra, from an adjacent room, furnished a programme of excellent music. About 180 were invited. There were so few regrets that the pariers

were filled all the evening. Mrs. John B. Elam was the hostess, yesterday, for one of the handsomest receptions of the season. The day was sufficiently bright to encourage the wearing of spring gowns, and the guests appeared in all the richness and beauty of new garb, thus making the scene particularly brilliant. Mrs. Elam was assisted in receiving by Mrs. F. J. Reinhard, Mrs. J. T. Lecklider, Mrs. Stanton J. Peelle, Mrs. Noble C. Butler and Mrs. Ferdinand Winter. The drawing-room where they stood was adorned with great bouquets of hyacinths and white hiacs, the mirrors reflecting the colors and the rooms. In the library lemonade was served from a bowl made of a block of ice, in which strawberries were frozen.
Miss Lamb, Miss Folsom, Miss Goodhart,
Miss Roney and Miss Bell dispensed the refreshing drink. This room was made beautiful and fragrant with a profusion of spicey, scarlet carnations. In a third foom tes and chocolate were poured by young ladies, who alternated in presiding at the daintily equipped table. Miss Baker, Miss Colgan, Miss Butler. Miss McKay and Miss Winter did the honors. The floral ornamentation was tulips. The mantel was a bed of standing talips of all colors, from white through all the pinks and down to the deepest red. The border for it was fern leaves. It was rarely beautiful and effective. The diningroom mantel was similarly arranged, the flowers being pansies of all shades and bordered with maiden-hair ferns. On the center table was a silver basket filled with maiden-hair, and bouquets of Easter lilles and roses were on the corners. The ladies assisting in entertaining and extending the hospitalities were Mrs. W. A. Bell, Mrs. C. S. Roney, Mrs. W. H. Cooke, Mrs. Sollis Runnels, Mrs. Charles Ferguson, Mrs. D. E. Stone, Mrs. Howard Cale, Mrs. J. L. Mc-Master and Mrs. Carl Von Hake, The house was thronged with guests from 2 till 6 o'clock. Mrs. Elam having issued over three hundred invitations to representative women of the city.

The Frabel Club, which is composed of the members and graduates of the Kindergarten Training-school, gave a reception, yesterday afternoon, at the Arabella Peelle school, on Pearl street, in observance of the one-hundred-aud-tenth birthday of Friedrich Freebel. The man who created this wonderful school for little children is ever held in loving remembrance by all followers of his teachings, and each recurrence of his birthday anniversary is marked by some exercise. The assembly-room of the school was transformed into a reception-room and made attractive with plants and flow-ers, rugs and pictures. The invitation to attend was generally extended to all who love little children, and a large number availed themselves of the privilege, both men and women, Governor Chase being of the number to lend the light of his counto give out their names. It is understood.
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The Monon and the Queen & Crescent roads will furnish a special train to carry the | young women of the training school, Freedelegates of the Order of Railway Teleg- bel's picture was hung with myrtle and raphers to Chattaneoga, May 16, to attend beneath stood a vase of daises. These

bowls and vases were filled with these and placed about the rooms. Daisies were also worn by all members of the club. In one of "e class-rooms light refreshments were so v t. The entire building was open for i p tion and several of the pupils from the Domestic Training School performed the service of door-keeper and maids in the rooms where the guests left their wraps. The favors were medallions of clay, stamped with Freebel's picture. Three hundred of these were sent to the school here by the pupils of the public kindergarten of St. Louis. There were also small cards, bearing a motto from Freebel and tied with the German and American colors—red, white, blue and black. Flags of the two countries were draped over the doors and appeared in other places in the rooms. The Young America Orchestra, of guitars and mandolins, farnished beautiful music. In respon e to the invitations, which were sent to all the leading schools of the country, greetings to the Fræbel Club in acknowl-edgment were received. All superin-tendents know one another, and the

flowers were his favo rites and many of his ideas were gathered while watching them grow. He also loved all wild flowers, and

good work in one city is known by every other. Indianapolis is particularly fortunate in having Mrs. Blaker at the head of the kindergarten work, and she is deeply appreciative of the ready response which is given to every call for the furtherance of the work. When it is better known that the training-school furnishes teachers for all parts of the United States then can an idea be gained of the breadth. Over two thousand poor children are taught in the free kindergarten schools of this city, and the whole is supported by the citizens, who give willingly, as they know the reform begun in little children is better than prisons and reformatories.

MARTINSVILLE. Mrs. John Crank, of Hall, is visiting here.Mrs. Calvin Wilson, of Zionsville, is here...Mrs. C. F. Brown and family will remove to Loogootee...Miss Nellie Shafter has gone to Chicago...Mrs. Leo Levi, of Cairo, Ill., will spend the summer with Joseph Lieber's family...Mr. and Mrs. W. O. McKinney, of Indianapolis, have been visiting J. L. Barnhart and wife. Miss Alice Palmer, of Franklin. visited here last Sunday.... Mrs. Alice Newby, of Indianapolis, has been visiting relatives here Mrs. T. T. McClure and children, of Indianapolis, are visiting Samuel Tucker's family....Miss Lelia Welker, of Vincennes, is visiting here....Mr. and Mrs. Dave Leonard, of Indianapolis, were in the city last week Mrs. Kate Sloan has returned from New Mrs. Edna Wilson has returned from Chattanooga.... Miss Maud Laycock has reto Indianapolis ... Miss Celia Miller has gone to Missouri....

Mrs. John Hamilton, of Morgantown, was the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Lee....Mrs.

M. O. Fuselman is visiting in Indianapolis.

...Miss Ruth Littell, of Missouri, was a guest here several days....Miss Josie Seeman, of Indianapolis, is visiting here....

Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Ellis have gone to Columbus, O...Miss Mabel Timberlake, of Indianapolis, is here....Miss Ella Cooper, of Indianapolis is in the city of Indianapolis, is in the city.

SPENCER. Miss Hattie Coffey has returned from Ellettsville...Miss Welch, of Bloomfield, was the guest of her brother Alva...Miss Nellie Smith, of Worthington, visited Miss Nellie Mullin this week....Mr. and Mrs. Alva Welch, of Bonita, Mont., return home Monday....Mrs. A. E. Martin, of Chi-cago, visited the family of Capt. J. W. Archer this week....Mrs. Daniel McClain, of Indianapolis, is the guest of John Hop-per and family...Mrs. William Crist and Mrs. Ellsworth Cantwell yisited at Free-mont...Mrs. William Mullinnix, of Attica, is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Prather....Mrs. Anna Johnson visited at Bloomington....Cards are out for the marriage of Mr. Theodore Henson and Miss Minnie Alverson, Wednesday, the 27th inst.

Miss Naomi Rasp, of Terre Haute, is visiting her mother in this city Mrs. W. M. Hindman and Mrs. John Wise are visiting at Evansville, the guests of Mrs. E. Mc-Neely Misses Lelia and Ora Welker are visiting at Indianapolis ... Mrs. Martha Monda, of Worthington, is visiting Mrs. J. F. McJimsey... Misses Tillie Pomil and Mamie Lee are visiting at Washington... Mrs. W. F. Gwymm is visiting at Worthington... Miss Amelia Carl is visiting at Shelby-ville....Miss Manda Calm is in Cincinnati. the guest of her sister, Mrs. Julius Rothschild....Mr. and Mrs. William Potter are in Mitchell....Miss Lizzie McIntire, of Indianapolis, is visiting her sister in this city....Mrs. Captain Tindolph is in Gos-

Job Lot of Tramps Captured. Captain Dawson and a detail of police captured twenty tramps, yesterday morr. ing, in the west Vandalia yards. The officers started out in the patrol wagon, but one axle broke at the corner of Washington and Meridian streets, and threw out all but Captath Dawson, who was driving, None was found to be hurt, and while the wagon was on its way to the shop the officers went to the railroad tracks and secured transportation a cross the river on an engine. One of the tramps is a professional tattooer, and had his tools and photographs of work on his person.

Land for the Soldiers' Home.

General Carnahan, of the committee on the State Soldiers' and Sailors' Home. has received an offer from the citizens of Warsaw of 160 acres of for the home, provided it be located near that city, and that the committee can come there and pick out the piece. A committee of citizens from Warsaw will come to Indianapolis on the 3d of May to formally present the matter to the G. A. R. committee.

Duffy's Familiarity. It was one Frank instead of Tom Duffy. that chucked State Treasurer Albert Gall under the chin in the Grand Hotel the

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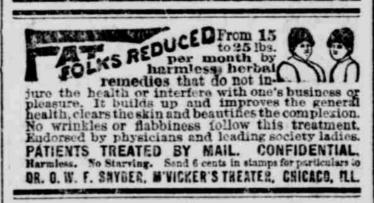
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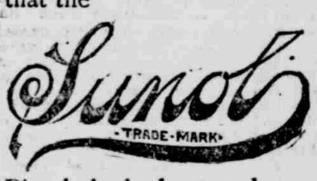
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